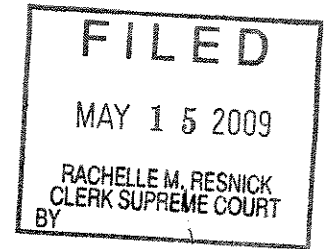


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The Clerk of the Arizona Supreme Court  
Attention: Rules Comment Section  
1501 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 8507-3231

RE: Rule Petition No. R-08-012

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you today to strongly encourage a proposed rule change that would provide manufactured housing residents the opportunity to have an advocate or representative with them to help them prepare and present their case before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).

The ALJ hearing process is quite complicated and can be very overwhelming for residents who do not have any legal experience or a legal background. It is so easy for one to become confused and even disoriented during a hearing, and it is especially stressful when there is no one allowed to guide you and keep you on track. Most residents can not afford an attorney to represent them at administrative hearings.

The respondents, on the other hand, are allowed a combination of three persons to represent them at a hearing, i.e., the owner can represent him or her self, have a designated person represent them (manager), have an attorney, or a combination of all three. This is very intimidating for the petitioner.

In the spirit of fairness, I strongly urge you to consider changing this rule with a timely effective date. It would certainly help to "level" the playing field.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I remain

Respectfully,

Mary L. Burgess